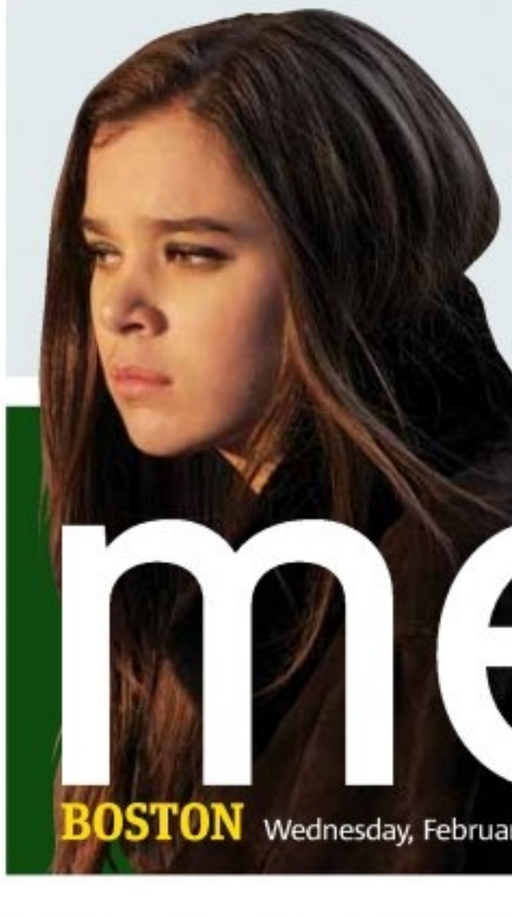

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Sacked? As Cambridge works to schedule a public hearing for a proposed ban on plastic bags, a statewide proposal has stalled in the Legislature for nearly a year.

A bitter bundle. Retailers in opposition to the measure say bans at the community level are a nightmare to comply with and restrict consumer choice. PAGE 02

Bagging the bag

The wind lifts a plastic shopping bag across the entrance to Cambridge City Hall, where the city council will soon vote on a proposed ban on the bags. / NARRATIVE SERIES BY NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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Alleged assault

Boston EMT accused in assault

A Boston EMT pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to rape and assault charges stemming from an alleged attack.

Juan Rivas, 34, of Roxbury, was charged with assaulting his domestic partner, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Authorities said that the incident took place while Rivas was off-duty.

A statement from the city's public health commission, which oversees Boston EMS, said that officials put Rivas on administrative leave pending an investigation. METRO

Dorchester Casanova

Man charged with T driver assault

A Dorchester man was in court Tuesday for allegedly smashing an MBTA bus driver's head into a glass window. Joel Casanova, 34, is accused of first harassing a female passenger as the Route 22 bus traveled along Blue Hill Avenue Saturday morning, then attacking the driver without provocation. Transit police said Casanova appeared intoxicated, and asked an officer if he could punch him in the mouth. Casanova is charged with interfering with public transportation and assault and battery on a public employee. METRO

Casanova / TRANSIT POLICE

Cities, towns move forward with bans on plastic bags

Bogged down with bag bans. With more municipalities wanting a ban, the need for a statewide regulation is highlighted.

Will Cambridge be next to ban plastic bags? / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Brookline has banned them. Cambridge is moving toward forbidding them. And Marblehead voters will decide this spring whether to banish them from town.

While a law on a statewide ban of certain plastic bags sits in a State House committee, more and more communities are moving forward to ban the bags on their own.

However, municipal leaders said they prefer a statewide ban be enacted to make it easier on retailers, consumers and municipalities.

"It's not ideal to have individual communities regulate things like this," said Cambridge Mayor David Maher. A city council committee there is working to schedule another public meeting on the plastic bag ban prior to a final city council vote.

Former Cambridge city councilor and current state Rep. Marjorie Decker proposed the city ban. She said she's hopeful fellow state lawmakers will realize it's time to pass one.

"This is the train that's already left and it just makes sense," Decker said. "It makes sense to have the same rules and same expectations across every community."

Decker's colleague, state Rep. Lori Ehrlich of Marblehead, proposed a statewide ban that merged with another bill that now sits in the House Ways and Means committee. She said her bill had 30 co-sponsors. It has been in Ways and Means since April.

"The one thing there is a need for is statewide action, because what happens is you end up with sort of a patchwork quilt with different regulations and different approaches," she said.

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'Compliance nightmare'

Opposition remains for statewide ban

The Retailers Association of Massachusetts has opposed a statewide effort to ban plastic bags and called local-level bans a "compliance nightmare" for its members.

"We really think restricting consumer choice is not the way to go," said Bill Rennie, the association's vice president.

He said using a ban to get at the problem of plastic bags is misdirected.

"It's not the plastic bag's fault that it ends up thrown away in the street as litter. That's sort of a societal problem," he said.

Kitten thrown from car is recovering

The kitten / THE FAMILY PET HOSPITAL

A kitten is recovering at an Ashland animal hospital after reportedly being thrown from a car traveling along Route 9, west of Boston, on Monday.

The Family Pet Hospital is caring for the 9-week-old female kitten, hospital staff said. Her injuries do not appear to be life-threatening, but she did suffer road rash, a leg injury and a bloody nose.

Quoted

"She is very scared. We're trying to keep her as quiet and comfortable and calm as possible."

Jenn DiRosario
The Family Pet Hospital

A man brought the kitten to the hospital on Monday and said he saw it being hurled from a black BMW with California license plates, the hospital said.

It was not immediately clear where on Route 9 the incident occurred.

Jenn DiRosario, a hospital staff member, said the hospital has received numerous inquiries about adopting the kitten, but that the animal is not ready for adoption.

The hospital already has a list of potential adopters, she said, adding that people who are interested in adopting a cat can also check with their local shelter.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Julie Corey appears in court for her sentencing Tuesday.

AP PHOTO, WORCESTER TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF, TOM RETTIG, POOL

Judge: Life in prison for womb raider

Baby thief. Convicted murderer Julie Corey, 39, was sentenced to life in prison without parole on Tuesday.

The Worcester woman who was found guilty of first-degree murder for killing her pregnant friend and then cutting the fetus from her womb was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison without parole.

Following a three-week trial, Julie Corey, 39, was convicted in Worcester Superior Court last Wednesday of the heinous crime, which happened in Worcester in 2009.

Authorities said Corey beat and strangled 23-year-old Darlene Haynes to death before slicing a 9-inch incision into her abdomen and removing her unborn child.

Among those to deliver emotional impact statements in court Tuesday was Haynes' older daughter, who is 9.

Haynes was eight months pregnant when she was killed. After the murder, Corey fled the state and passed the child, a girl, off as her own. Corey was found in a New Hampshire homeless shelter days after Haynes' body was discovered in a closet in her apartment.

Authorities said Corey was with her boyfriend at the time of her arrest, and had convinced the man that the baby was hers.

DNA testing proved the child to belong to Haynes and her boyfriend, with whom the girl now lives.

Following last week's verdict, District Attorney Joseph Early Jr. called it "probably the most horrific case" his office had seen.

"This woman was killed for her baby," said Early.

Corey had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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About the crime

Julie Corey, 39, was convicted for the 2009 death of 23-year-old Darlene Haynes.

- Haynes' body was discovered in a closet in her apartment. She was eight months pregnant and died from multiple skull fractures, asphyxiation from a cord wrapped around her neck and a 9-inch incision to her abdomen.
- Corey then fled to New Hampshire with the baby and tried to pass it off as her own.

Suspect at large

Three women attacked in Eastie

Police are warning residents of East Boston, particularly women, to be on alert after a series of similar attacks on Monday evening.

The first attack, which took place about 4:30 p.m. in the Trenton Street area, occurred when a female victim was taking the trash out, and an unknown male who smelled of alcohol tried to sexually assault her.

After grabbing her from behind and pushing her to the ground, the victim was able to fight off the attacker, who fled on foot.

About 20 minutes later on Trenton Street, a man approached the second female victim from behind as she was entering her apartment building. During the third attack, which took place just after 8 p.m., the assailant allegedly showed the female victim a knife.

Those women also were able to fight off the apparently booze-infused suspect, who fled on foot.

Boston Police said they believe the attacks may be connected, and have increased patrols in the area. METRO

Suspect description

- Hispanic male in his 30s or 40s
- Mole or mark on left cheek
- Medium build
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School employees get stricter checks

Background checks. Educators and school workers will soon have to pay to submit their fingerprints to the FBI.

Following a court ruling, schools across Massachusetts are starting to fingerprint teachers and other school employees so they may undergo national background checks.

Massachusetts is the last state to adopt fingerprinting of school employees to screen for past criminal activity, state officials told the Boston Globe, with the effort officially kicking off this month in a few school districts throughout the state.

Officially referred to as the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System, all prints will be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while local districts will still conduct background checks through the CORI system.

The new system allows schools for the first time to know whether employees have a criminal record outside the state's jurisdiction, improving the odds of identifying staff with a criminal history.

Jeff Wulfson, a deputy commissioner at the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, told the Globe that the system is "a little overdue."

But the new rules aren't without detractors. Staff members must pay the processing fee, which comes to $55 for licensed educators and $35 for other school workers, like bus drivers and administrative staff.

Background checks will soon include fingerprinting. / GETTY IMAGES

Brian Ballou, a spokesman for Boston Public Schools, told the Globe that the school district is not among those currently utilizing the new fingerprinting system, but that talks are ongoing with union leaders about implementing the system into its protocol for hiring school employees.

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Success shake

Mayor Marty Walsh on Tuesday thanked Darius Parker, a client of the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative, for his insight into the program, which funds violence prevention. /NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Fire fighting

Cops stop man trying to light up gas station

Boston police sent a man to a hospital for an evaluation after he apparently tried to blow up a gas station near Boston Medical Center.

Police were called to the Mobil station on Southampton Street near Melnea Cass Boulevard on Monday afternoon where witnesses said the man held a lighter to the gas pump and said he was going to blow up the station. Officers stopped the man and found a lighter in his pocket.

The man was taken by ambulance to a hospital for an evaluation. METRO

First US bitcoin ATMs to open soon

Robocoin said on Tuesday that later this month it will install the first automated teller machines in the United States that let users buy and sell bitcoin, the latest step into the mainstream for the digital currency. The kiosks, to be installed in Seattle, and Austin, Texas, are similar to ATMs but have scanners to read government-issued identification such as a driver's license or a passport to confirm users' identities. The ATMs will allow people to swap bitcoin for cash, or deposit cash to buy more bitcoin by transferring funds to or from a virtual wallet on their smartphones. Bitcoin is not backed by any company or government and has no assets behind it, but its release is tightly controlled, mimicking a central banking system's control over the minting of money. It can be used online at sites like Overstock.com or in a handful of stores. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

Report. Apple looking at cars, medical devices for business growth

Apple Inc. is looking at cars and medical devices to diversify its sources of revenue as growth from iPhones and iPads slow, according to a San Francisco Chronicle report.

Apple's head of mergers and acquisitions, Adrian Perica, met with Tesla Motors Inc. founder Elon Musk at the company's headquarters last year around the same time analysts suggested that Apple acquire the Model S electric car maker, the newspaper reported on Sunday, citing a source.

The company is also exploring medical devices and sensors that can help predict heart attacks by studying the sound blood makes as it flows through arteries.

The company's senior vice president of operations, Jeff Williams, has met with U.S. Food and Drug Administration chief Dr. Margaret Hamburg and Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, who oversees the agency's approval for medical devices, to discuss "mobile medical applications," the paper reported, citing FDA records.

Apple could not be reached for comment.

Investors hope that Apple, which last came out with a new device — the iPad — in 2010, has something up its sleeve for 2014. Speculation currently revolves around a smartwatch or even a long-rumored TV product. REUTERS

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Rival Google Inc. recently bought thermostat maker Nest Labs for $3.2 billion, robot maker Boston Dynamic and artificial intelligence startup DeepMind Technologies Ltd. The company has also been working on projects including Google Glass and self-driving cars.

Pornography

Former congressman Mel Reynolds arrested in Zimbabwe

Former congressman Mel Reynolds has been arrested in Zimbabwe, an immigration official said on Tuesday, after state media reported the convicted sex offender had been found with pornography at a local hotel.

Police and immigration officials were investigating Reynolds for living in the southern African country without a valid visa, Francis Mabika, an assistant regional immigration officer, told Reuters.

Mabika said Reynolds has been in Zimbabwe since November, but declined to give further details.

Possession of pornography is a crime in Zimbabwe. REUTERS

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Top UN rights boss urges prosecution of N. Korean crimes

Crimes against humanity. A UN Human Rights Council inquiry found Nazi-era atrocities, officials said.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay urged world powers on Tuesday to refer North Korea to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court following a U.N. report documenting crimes against humanity.

North Korean security chiefs and possibly even Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un himself should face international justice for ordering systematic torture, starvation and killings comparable to Nazi-era atrocities, U.N. investigators said on Monday.

The independent U.N. investigators, led by Michael Kirby, recommended that the world body refer the situation in North Korea to the Hague-based ICC or set up a special tribunal. REUTERS

Quoted

"We now need strong international leadership to follow up on the grave findings of the Commission of Inquiry. I therefore call on the international community, in line with the report's recommendations, to use all the mechanisms at its disposal to ensure accountability, including referral to the International Criminal Court."

Pillay said in a statement issued in Geneva

Navi Pillay / GETTY IMAGES

Hateful crime

U of Mississippi offers reward, hunts vandals who put noose on statue

The University of Mississippi is offering a $25,000 reward for tips that can help officials identify and arrest two vandals who were spotted draping a noose around the neck of the statue of James Meredith, who braved angry mobs in 1962 to become the school's first African-American student.

A construction worker on the campus in Oxford reported seeing two men wrapping the bronze figure in an old Georgia state flag bearing the Confederate logo, according to University Police Chief Calvin Sellers. The vandals were also heard shouting racial slurs, Sellers said.

Campus police are working with local police and the FBI to locate the suspects after the incident early on Sunday. REUTERS

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Devo guitarist dead

Bob Casale, one of the original members of the band Devo, died from heart failure on Monday. He was 61.

The death was announced via the band's Facebook page Tuesday. "As an original member of Devo, Bob Casale was there in the trenches with me from the beginning," his brother and bandmate Gerald Casale said. "He was my level-headed brother, a solid performer and talented audio engineer, always giving more than he got."

According to his brother, Bob's death was "sudden" and a "total shock to us all."

Bob Casale performs in 2008.

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Slush and the city

Sarah Jessica Parker looked as if she was trying hard not to fall walking through Tuesday's wintry mix with her daughters Marion Loretta Elwell Broderick and Tabitha Hodge Broderick in the West Village.

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Rihanna chats weave in the pages of Vogue

God bless Rihanna for chatting about her weave and love of cheap jewelry in the pages of the high-fashion bible Vogue.

"My jewelry's all fake — from Claire's," she tells the magazine in this month's cover story (it's the 26-year-old's third time gracing the cover). Take note: This may be the first time Claire's has been mentioned in Vogue. "Or I get it from my mom's boutique in Barbados. Her shop's called FAB-U-LUS."

But it's Rihanna being frank about her weave that made us fall deeply, deeply in love (not everyone you interview admits to sporting fake hair — and most celebrities do).

"It's not my hair, but the girl who donated it, she's the bomb," Rihanna said about her hair, which, at the time, was styled half short, half long. She even pulled her hair back to show the reporter the weave's inner-workings.

"Black girls never let anyone see this," she said frankly. "I have two main hair people I work with. They're always with me. I'm like, 'I'm bored! I wanna change my hair!' That's the good thing about a weave."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip

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Talking points

A secret CW wedding!

Leighton Meester and Adam Brody, the Josh Schwartz union of our CW dreams, have married in a super-secret wedding, multiple sources have told Us Weekly.

There isn't much else to report about this, seeing as how it was "super secret." The duo only publicly acknowledged they were engaged a scant three months ago.

Funny, you'd think these two would be the ones selling their wedding photos to Us Weekly, not hiding from it. Good for them.

Pattinson hates his fame

"Twilight" star Robert Pattinson "doesn't want to be famous anymore," a friend of the actor tells Radar Online. "The cost of fame is the thing he and [ex-girlfriend] Kristen [Stewart] used to complain about all day, and that hasn't changed at all for him" since their split. So Pattinson "is looking at a whole new approach to his future" and is even considering going to theater school. "He would like to direct a movie one day," the pal says. Because directors, of course, aren't famous.

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Alec Baldwin is looking into a new home, Miles Teller is easy to please, Mindy Kaling isn't impressed and Patton Oswalt took the joke too literally.

@ABFalecbaldwin: To think that the place I want to move to is called Jerónimos.

@Miles_Teller: Never heard a version of "House of the Rising Sun" I didn't like

@mindykaling: If I was blind I could tell who the hot girls in the nail salon were by how boring their stories are

@pattonoswalt: Hey guys, 1995 called and...oh God. It's become self-aware! THE YEAR 1995 IS SELF-AWARE & SENTIENT. (gunshot)

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Hailee Steinfeld plays a teenager reconnected with her assassin father (Kevin Costner) in "3 Days to Kill." / GETTY IMAGES

Being normal (sort of)

Interview. Hailee Steinfeld plays the typical daughter of an assassin in "3 Days to Kill."

So far Hailee Steinfeld has played in movies set in the distant past ("True Grit," "Romeo and Juliet") and the distant future ("Ender's Game"). "3 Days to Kill" has her playing a normal teen in the present. Well, not that normal: She's Zoe, an American in Paris whose estranged father is a government assassin, played by Kevin Costner.

"I was able to identify with her very easily," she says. "I think her situation is very similar to a lot of situations that teenage girls go through all over the world — just growing up and finding yourself. She acts out a lot. I've gone through phases in my life where you're somewhere in the world and you don't know what you're doing, and you have to fit in or else you're a nobody."

Still, she doesn't think being normal makes her character too different from Mattie Ross in "True Grit" or Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet." "I think with all the characters that I've played, all of them have strength, even if it's an underlying strength, that you don't necessarily see but you know they have. Then there's 'True Grit,' where Mattie had nothing but strength and courage and she just exuded that. Whereas with Zoe, she has it and you know you're going to see it but she doesn't let you see it until the right time."

The crux of the film isn't the occasional action, but about Zoe reuniting with her long-lost dad. The growing affection between her and Costner, if not the initial acrimony, is real. "We shot the movie in order, so we were able to start out like our characters, not really knowing each other, but wanting to get to know each other but sort of holding back," she says.

But they bonded offscreen too: "Our bonding mostly happened in between takes, in a car, warming up. In between set-ups we were stuck in a van with a bunch of people."

That wasn't, thankfully, the most exciting part for her. "The one thing that stood out right away to me was the wardrobe. I remember my first fittings I was like, 'Oh my God, I hope I get to keep this stuff!' I did not necessarily feel that way about 'True Grit.'"

Quoted

"I think her situation is very similar to a lot of situations that teenage girls go through all over the world. ... I've gone through phases in my life where you're somewhere in the world and you don't know what you're doing, and you have to fit in or else you're a nobody."

Steinfeld, on her character Zoe in "3 Days to Kill"

McG and the Coens

Taking direction

Steinfeld's director on "3 Days to Kill" was McG (real name: Joseph McGinty Nichol). He's known for his boundless enthusiasm. "He was constantly referencing things that I would pull my cellphone out and Google," she says. "He was Just spitting out references, from historical to music to movies to everything."

McG is of a different countenance from her first directors, "True Grit"'s Joel and Ethan Coen.

"They have a very different style," she says.

But Steinfeld confirms the Coens are not as mysterious as their enigmatic public persona would suggest: "They're so easy to talk to and so down-to-earth. They have an amazing team and an amazing family that comes together to make a great film."

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Living with roommates doesn't have to mean drama at home. / MONKEY BUSINESS

Tips. How to live well in small spaces.

The perks of city life include living among the best restaurants and cultural activities. The downfall: coming home to a teeny apartment — often shared with a messy roommate. We talked to Jenna Mahoney, author of "Small Apartment Hacks," to find out how to have just as much fun at home as you do in the latest hotspot.

Decor

"You really need to think about scale, size and function," says Mahoney. "To make your place look bigger, go for straight edges and modern lines." Another trick: Open legs. "Even though you want to hide things under your bed, open legs will give an illusion of a bigger space."

Stay organized

"You should do a purge every three months," says Mahoney. "You need to look at each piece at home and ask, 'Would I save it in a fire? What's its function to me?'"

Clean it up

Tips for dealing with a messy roommate

1 "You don't want to be a nag," says Mahoney, and cause any tension in your home. If chores just aren't getting done because everyone is, say, too busy, she suggests talking to your roommate about sharing the cost of a cleaning service. Just remember to be direct with your roomie, advises Mahoney. Tell him or her what your cleanliness expectations are. And remember: "If you start the negotiations, try not to be overbearing when you talk, or you may just make the issue messier."

2 "I'm really into creating zones," says Mahoney. "You have to have landing strips for keys, mail and other stuff. Encourage your roommate to use those zones."

3 Sometimes a roommate's nail polish, books or whatever will pile up the middle of the living room — which can be a lot of stuff. "When I lived with roommates I would pick the things up and put them in a pile in front of their room and just let them know that I put it there so they could bring it into their room," she says. "That's a way to do it without acting like you are their mom."

DIY

Mahoney's four rules for getting crafty

1 Don't start any projects you think you can't finish.

2 Don't start any new projects when you have pending ones.

3 Give yourself a realistic time frame.

4 Get a friend to help you. "Studies show that if you book appointments, you're more likely to stick with it," she says. "So if you plan a work date with a friend for five hours, you are more likely to get the project done."

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Positive thinking

Extra tip

Mahoney says stop calling your home "small," which already puts a negative spin on your place. She suggests the words cozy, petite, mini, intimate and modest instead.

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DOES RADON SCARE YOU

By Attorney George Warshaw

If you own a home, or hope to in the future, you need to know about radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that emanates from rock formations below your home. It comes into the house through the foundation. It causes cancer. 21,000 people will die from it this year.

Radon is the *second leading cause of lung cancer.*

Radon can be remediated in the house by installing a relatively inexpensive fan and exhaust system, but people tend to take no action if levels meet the federal safety standard.

The federal radon standard considered "safe" is 4.0 picocuries per liter of air, expressed as 4.0 pCi/L. The federal standard, to me, is a disgrace.

According to the EPA, it is anticipated that out of 1,000 people exposed to radon, the following will *likely develop lung cancer:*

8.0 pCi/L.....15 nonsmokers or 120 smokers

4.0 pCi/L.....7 nonsmokers or 62 smokers

2.0 pCi/L.....4 nonsmokers or 32 smokers

1.3 pCi/L.....2 nonsmokers or 20 smokers

The risk is approximately *9x greater* for smokers at the federal "safe level" of 4.0.

Some consider 7 cancer victims out of a thousand an acceptable number, I don't; declaring 62 out of a thousand an acceptable number of cancer victims because they are smokers is unconscionable.

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Fashion Week diary

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Peter Pilotto

Monday

4:15 p.m.
The clothes are masterfully constructed exercises in texture, color and dimension. That's to be expected from Peter Pilotto and Christopher De Vos. What catches me by surprise, in a good way, is that there's less emphasis on their digital prints. Like Mary Katrantzou, the duo has chosen to advance their trademark to someplace new. And similarly, they've done it through an intense amount of decoration, though with an end result that looks wholly their own. They based the collection on "contrasts and extremes," which is pretty clear; I'd say that they've definitely pushed the use of texture to the limit. There's fur and bugle beads and pearls and sequins and intarsia and jacquards and embroidery — sometimes on a single outfit. Even the puffer jacket, which has forever been limited to boring black and olive green, gets covered in color, a panoramic mountain vista. That said, a woman doesn't exactly look to Peter Pilotto for minimalism, and they've executed its opposite well. I'm just not sure what this collection will mean for them, right now. These are serious, lofty clothes, which is an interesting move considering that they have a fun-loving, lower-priced collection currently in Target stores. The chasm between the two collections is so wide. There's extreme for you.

The designer

Peter Pilotto

- **The mood:** Serious women, in seriously intricate clothes
- **The trends:** Oversizing, experiments with texture and loads of embellishments
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** The strong temptation to invest in bead work, sequins and fur

Tuesday

11:05 a.m.
"She is my favorite designer here," I overhear Suzy Menkes, who is seated to my right, tell her granddaughter. I can only assume she's talking about Simone Rocha as she goes on to ask the little girl to take pictures of the show with her iPhone. On the other side of Suzy, I see a writer from The New York Times and Anna Wintour. No pressure, Simone.

11:17 a.m.
In a lot of ways, Simone Rocha's eccentric style encapsulates that hard-to-pin-down, wonderfully weird quality associated with the London girl's style. But she does it with a certain creative risk and measured execution that makes her show worthy of having Anna and Suzy sitting front row. The question is: How is she going to evolve the very specific look she's established (doll-like bustle skirts and dresses) in a way that feels original? This season, she's answered that by marrying her old Elizabethan shapes with now fabrics and textiles, such as yellow python and black pony skin. It's a move that stops her exaggerated shapes from looking like costume, while keeping the theatrical flair that her fan girl wants. By and large, the most wearable pieces are the black prim coats and dresses decorated with frills, in bonded wool and twill. But it's the python skirt suits, as wild as they are, that demand to be bought and worn. Yes, I just said that. There's something unrealistic about it — outside of Fashion Week, I can't think of too many occasions in which yellow snakeskin ruffles would make sense. But this is exactly the kind of moment that keeps fashion exciting and fresh. **KENYA HUNT**

SIMONE ROCHA
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The designer

Simone Rocha

- **The scene:** Power editors, friends and family. Designer John Rocha, her dad, leads the standing ovation.
- **The major trends:** Fur, contrasting texture and embellishments. Rocha gets extra points for not going overboard with the beadwork.
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** How can I forget to mention it: pink! The color, which Simone helped make popular, was here in all its girly glory.

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A pink look at DKNY

The halfway point of Fashion Month, which we are now at, is around the time fashion folks start talking about trends. Now, this can be premature — one neon-skirted prom dress does not a trend make. Let's not get ahead of ourselves. But one thing we can say with certainty is that this fall you will be wearing pink.

The trend that has been doing the rounds on catwalks for a couple of seasons shows no signs of slowing down. For fall, the feminine color slouched over models at Derek Lam and bundled them up at Topshop Unique; it dominated Kaelen's outing, softened Milly's off-duty ballerinas and enfolded models in fur and wool at Ralph Lauren. **KIT GILBERT**

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Beyond chest pain. Women, read up on how it affects you.

When Rosie O'Donnell thought she was having a heart attack in 2012, she ignored the symptoms, took some aspirin and didn't call a doctor until the next day. Her reaction, experts say, is all too common for women, who often dismiss heart attack symptoms.

For decades, physicians have tried to educate women that their risk for heart disease is just as great as it is for men. One in three women in the U.S. has some form of it, and women are much more likely to die after having a heart attack than men are, according to The Heart Foundation. Heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women (and men) in the U.S., causes more deaths than all cancers combined. But despite efforts to raise awareness about women's risk, the message hasn't gotten through fully.

"To many, the typical heart attack victim is still a 50- to 60-year-old man, maybe a smoker, having crushing chest pain," says Dr. JoAnne Foody, director of Cardiovascular Wellness at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

And the death rates from heart disease for younger women — 35- to 54-year-olds — are even increasing. One reason is that many are unfamiliar with common signs of heart attack, particularly for women. Although 92 percent of respondents to a 2005 poll recognize chest pain as a sign of a heart attack, only 27 percent were familiar with the other common symptoms and knew to call 911 when they saw them, according to the CDC. For women, sharp chest pains during a heart attack are much less common. Women-specific heart-attack symptoms include pain in the arm, jaw or back; stomach pain; shortness of breath; and fatigue.

"Forty percent of women experiencing a heart attack won't have chest pain," says Holly Andersen, director of education and outreach at the Ronald O. Perelman Heart Institute at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "Women are more likely to have small-vessel disease in microcirculation, which we won't typically see on an angiogram."

The good news is that you can dramatically reduce your risk easily. The first step: Quit smoking. Doctors also recommend following a Mediterranean-style diet — eating fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and omega-3-rich fish — and getting at least 20 minutes of moderate exercise, such as brisk walking, every day.

Final advice: Eat a piece of heart-healthy dark chocolate now and then, and have sex, which relieves stress and gets oxygen circulating, says Andersen. Who says a heart-healthy lifestyle has to be boring?

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Scary stat

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Quoted

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Slimming snacks your heart will love

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Crunchy spiced chickpeas

Take ordinary chickpeas and spice them up for a flavor-packed munchie that curbs hunger and provides loads of potassium — a key nutrient for keeping blood pressure stable. Drain and rinse a can of garbanzo beans, then toss with ½ teaspoon onion powder, ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, a pinch of cayenne and a touch of salt. Spread seasoned chickpeas on a baking sheet misted with oil spray and bake for 30-35 minutes (tossing halfway through) in a 400-degree oven. Feel free to experiment with different seasonings for variety.

Tasty trail mix

You don't have to be trekking through the woods to enjoy this heart-healthy trail mix.
Stir together a handful of whole grain cereal, 1 tablespoon nuts (such as almonds, peanuts or walnuts), 1 tablespoon dried fruit (try raisins or chopped apricots) and 1 tablespoon dark chocolate chips. Pack in a small container to enjoy during snack emergencies. The mix offers a substantial dose of fiber from the whole grains, healthy fat from the nuts and antioxidants from the dark chocolate to provide a terrific trio of heart-healthy nutrients.

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Can the Effects of Smoking Be Reversed?

Pasi A. Jänne, MD, PhD, Director, Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology

From the day a cigarette smoker quits the habit, healthy changes begin to occur within the body.

People can lower their risk of a heart attack or stroke within a few weeks of quitting, says Pasi Jänne, MD, PhD director of the Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology at Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center. Those who quit smoking and remain non-smokers for five to 10 years can cut their risk of cancer in half compared to people who keep smoking. In general, the earlier in life one quits smoking, the more time one has to achieve these benefits. But even those who quit after age 50 can reduce their risk of dying early from smoking-related causes.

The Food and Drug Administration is attempting to make sure that young people never start smoking. With its new "The Real Cost" campaign, the FDA launched an anti-smoking campaign targeting teens. These ads show the costs of smoking, from premature wrinkling to gum disease, from tooth loss to a loss of control over their lives from addiction. The FDA hopes that these ads will prevent those between the ages of 12 and 17 from ever trying cigarettes or -- for those already experimenting -- from becoming regular smokers.

But just in case you are already a smoker Jänne offers these tips on how to quit.

- Choose a method, such as replacing cigarettes with nicotine-delivery products or gradual withdrawal. Ask your doctor if antidepressants may be of benefit.
- Avoid triggers. Get rid of cigarettes, lighters, matches, and ashtrays.
- Go for a walk. Exercise can decrease cravings.
- Follow the Four "Ds":
  1. **Deep** breaths
  2. **Drink** lots of water
  3. **Do** something to avoid focusing on cigarette cravings
  4. **Delay** reaching for a cigarette – the urge will pass

On average, it takes at least three attempts to quit and stay tobacco-free. For people who have previously tried to quit and went back to smoking, the key is to pick another date and try again. "It's important to keep trying," emphasizes Jänne.

One of many reasons the habit is so hard to quit is that you can pretty much buy cigarettes anywhere and whenever the mood strikes. Well maybe not for long. CVS Caremark will be making that a tad more difficult. They announced this week CVS will stop selling cigarettes and tobacco products in order to promote the health and well-being of its customers. The new policy will take effect October 1, 2014.

"This step sends a powerful signal that tobacco products have no place at a retail organization dedicated to health," says Dana-Farber President Edward J. Benz, Jr., MD. "We hope that other retailers will see the enormous contribution they could make to the nation's health if they were to join CVS in ridding their shelves of these products."

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute has launched a new Tobacco Cessation Program at Whittier Street Health Center offering one-on-one smoking cessation counseling.
The program offers support groups and one-on-one smoking cessation counseling in the Boston area. For additional information about smoking cessation program at Whittier Street Health Center, please contact Sabrina Gonzales at the Community Cancer Resource Room at Whittier at (617) 989-3169.

If you're a current or former long-term smoker and are worried about lung cancer, Brigham and Women's Hospital offers a lung cancer screening program for long-term smokers over the age of 50.

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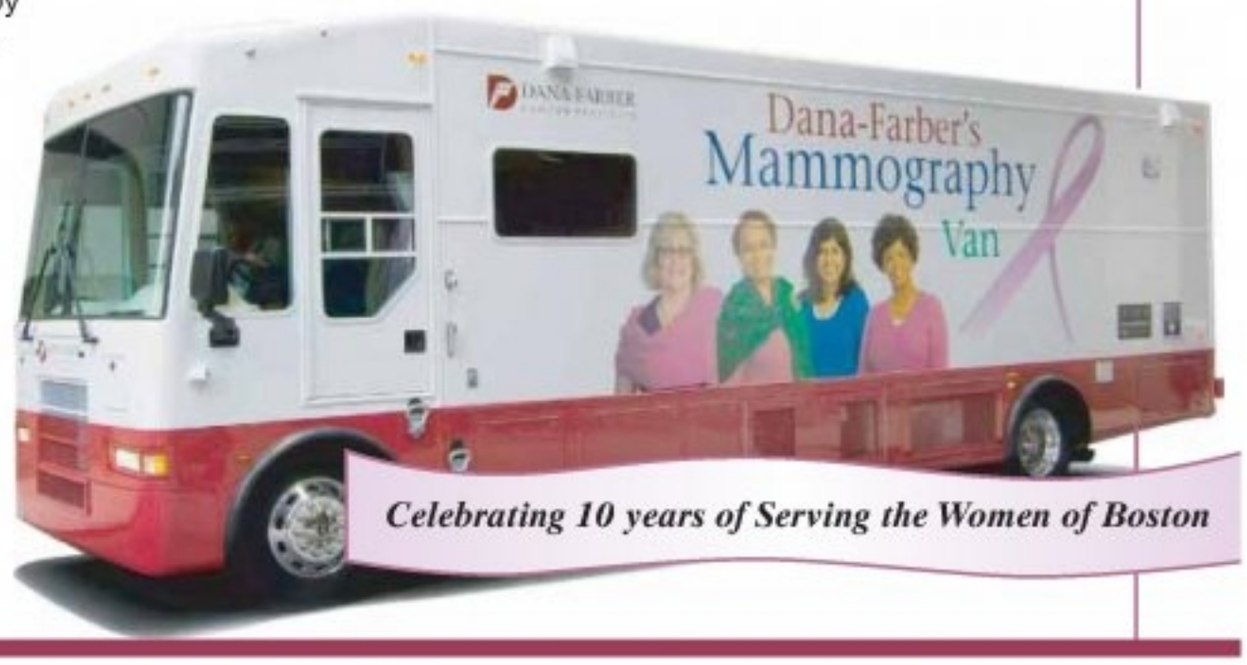

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By Dr. Constantinos Laskarides

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- **Better nutrition & more enjoyable eating:** Dental implants can withstand stronger chewing forces than bridges or dentures can; this means you can enjoy a more varied and full diet.
- **Easier care:** Because dental implants are structurally similar to natural teeth, you usually don't need to make any adjustments to your normal brushing and flossing techniques.
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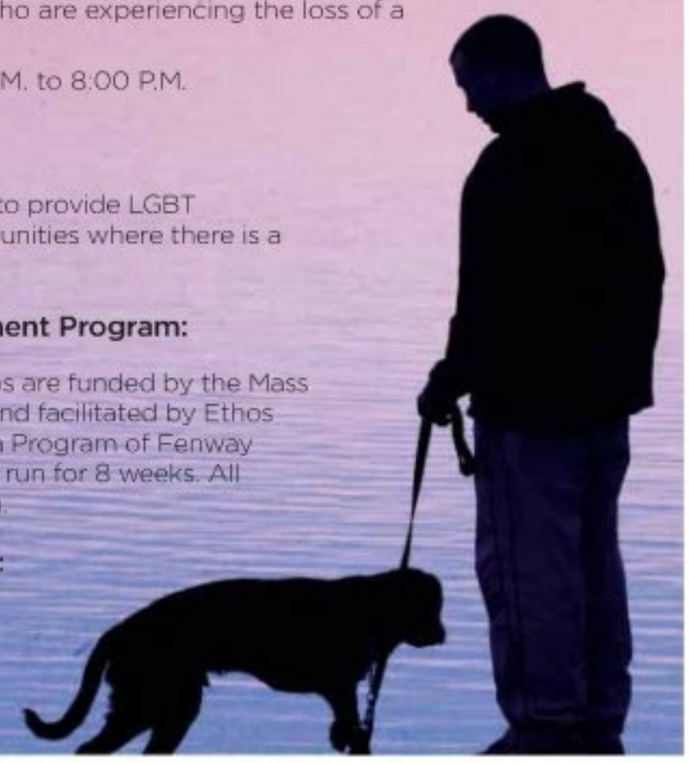

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Neglecting your love life will be emotionally costly. Plan to share quality time with someone special, or engage in events geared toward love.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Maintain patience when dealing with others. A troublesome situation will escalate quickly if you aren't sensitive to the problems and challenges faced by others. Do what's right.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You'll be offered unwanted advice. Disregard any such counsel and remain on the path that you feel most comfortable with. Discipline and commitment will bring you success.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Give your spirits a lift by spending time with children or close friends. Treating yourself to a guilty pleasure will add to your enjoyment. Your good humor will be appreciated.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. It may seem as though others are taking advantage of you. Make your feelings known. Your frustration will only increase if you don't speak up.

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Offering unsolicited advice to peers will lead to trouble. Don't be afraid to admit that you don't have all the answers. Instead, devote your energy to doing what you do best.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. There are many resources available that provide practical ways to refocus your attitude. Consider a discussion group that would inspire you.

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Letters

Cool down, global warmers

Re: 'Turn up the heat, Foreman' (Metro, Feb. 18) Letter writer Phil Lindsay's facts need a little fact checking of their own. Last year was not warmer than any other year globally. There is a reason it is 61 degrees in Sochi during the Winter Olympics: It is always around that temperature this time of year there. The average high temperature for February in Sochi is 57 degrees. As to the drought the West Coast is experiencing, well, it is the norm for that area. The past 100 years has been the wettest that area has seen in thousands of years. The real fact of the matter is that global surface temperatures have not risen in 17 years!

KEVIN FINNEGAN, VIA EMAIL

Letter writer Phil Lindsay shouldn't just assume everything proves global warming. Droughts in California are nothing new, though short-sighted planning by government and environmentalists have left the region even more vulnerable to dry weather (as they are more concerned with bait fish than human lives). Sochi is not a cold area; these temperatures they're seeing are normal — it is short-sighted officials who chose a non-winter location for the Winter Olympics (politics at play again). SEAN ROOK, VIA EMAIL

What would Valentine think?

Re: 'Hart-throb' (Metro, Feb. 14-16) You did it again! You thought you'd celebrate St. Valentine's Day by having an actor dressed as a Chippendale model grace the cover of your weekend edition.

Given the nature you have become recently, you are a bunch of perverts! [signed] St. Valentine.

RICHARD CLIFFORD, VIA EMAIL

letters@metro.us

Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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1 Lanolin source
5 Attired
9 Prop up
14 Earthen jar
15 Drone's home
16 Big house
17 Put on
18 Amtrak driver
19 Cameo shapes
20 Sleeper (2 wds.)
22 Seek old haunts
24 Pastoral people of Africa
26 Library sect.
27 Patio furnishing
30 "Finlandia" composer
35 Thesaurus man
36 Another helping
37 Technical sch.
38 Yoko —
39 Liner locale
42 Marple's drink
43 Town meetings
45 Geologic divisions
46 Like helium
48 Shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
50 Vague threat (2 wds.)
51 Protein source
52 — Park, Colo.
54 Image receivers
58 Taco cousin
62 Mingling with
63 High prefix
65 Fix a manuscript
66 Scorch
67 Motel plus
68 Willing to try
69 Garlic juicer
70 "And then —!"
71 Feds (hyph.)

Down
1 Happy shouts
2 Bogus butter
3 Canute's foe
4 Oater town
5 Cracker go-with
6 Ronstadt or Hunt
7 Batting stat
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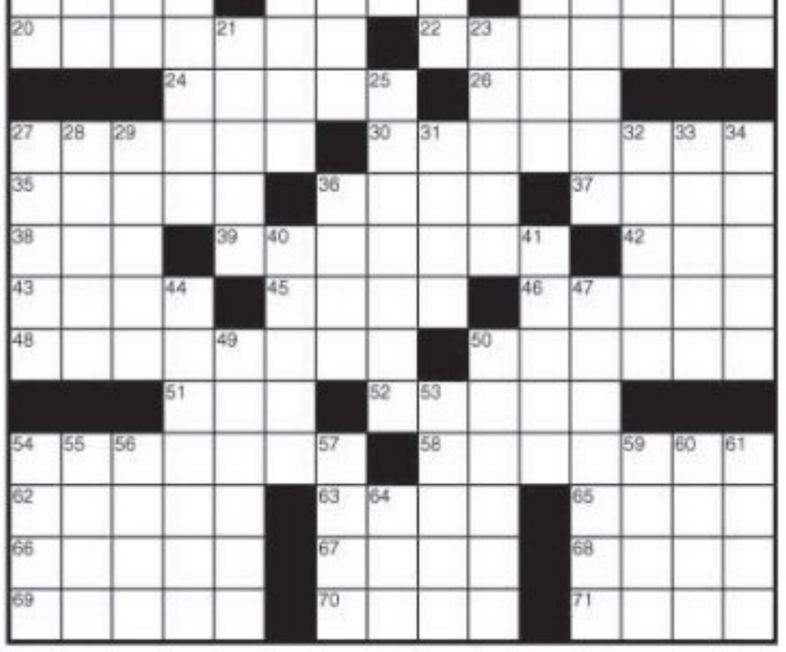

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SPORTS

Men's ice hockey

Team USA takes on Czech Republic

The United States men's ice hockey team returns to action Wednesday when it will take on the Czech Republic at noon EDT. Bruins forward David Krejci produced two points, including his first goal of the Olympics, in the Czech Republic's 5-3 victory over Slovakia Tuesday. Canada also will be in action Wednesday, taking on Latvia. If both Team USA and Team Canada are victorious Wednesday they would meet in a rematch of the 2010 Vancouver gold medal game on Friday.

Midseason report card: C's built with C-players

NBA. The Celtics aren't good enough to make the playoffs and aren't bad enough to grab a top draft pick right now.

If we're going with overall team GPA at the All-Star break, the Celtics (19-35) should probably think about doing some extra credit. It hasn't been a pretty season, but it wasn't expected to be. That said, there have been a few pleasant surprises. Brad Stevens can certainly coach. Danny Ainge hit a home run with that one. Jared Sullinger is playing well above his age right now and looks to be a big part of this team's future. Disappointments? Oh yeah, plenty of those. Jeff Green hasn't carried the torch and Avery Bradley, after a nice start, has another injury. None of Boston's future draft picks have scored a single point for them this season, either. Here are the grades, relative to each player's capabilities.

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It was expected, but nonetheless it has been a sloppy season for Rajon Rondo, Kris Humphries and the Celtics. / GETTY IMAGES

Sullen semester

How the Celtics grade out after the first half of the season:

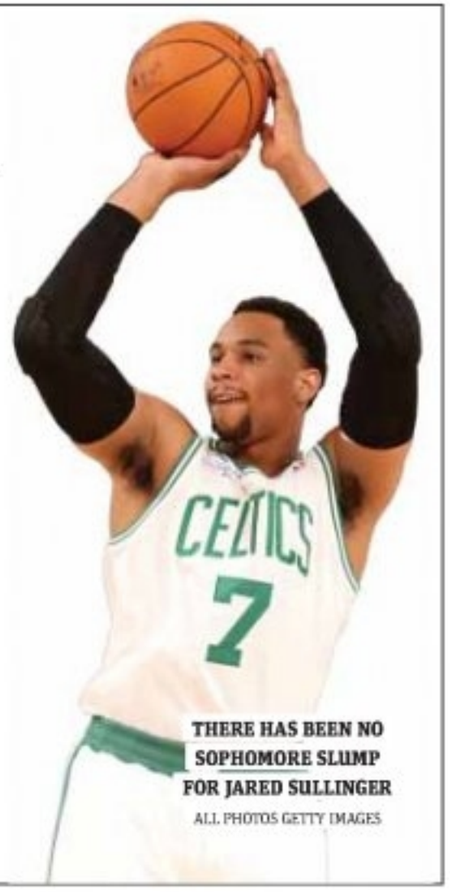
- **Kris Humphries:** Everyone in Boston has done a 180-degree turn on Hump. **Grade:** A-
- **Brandon Bass:** Averaging 10.8 points and 5.8 boards. **Grade:** B+
- **Avery Bradley:** The only thing keeping Bradley from an A is his health issues. **Grade:** B+
- **Gerald Wallace:** A good locker room guy, but on the court — no thanks. **Grade:** C-
- **Jeff Green:** Depending on the night, he's an A+ or F player. We'll even it out. **Grade:** C
- **Kelly Olynyk:** Averaging 6.9 points and 4.7 rebounds. **Grade:** C
- **Phil Pressey:** One thing that stands out about Pressey is his court vision. **Grade:** B-

Brad Stevens

You can't fault Stevens for the C's record. He's doing the best he can with what he has – and in actuality is doing better than what most could do with this team. Steven's not-too-high-not-too-low attitude has rubbed off on the team in a positive way. While the C's offense has struggled, their defense remains steady. Give him a few more good players and we're in business.
Grade: A-

Jared Sullinger

Far and away the C's most impressive player this season, Sullinger has proven that his back issues are a thing of the past. Averaging 13.2 points and 8.2 rebounds, he's had 18 double-doubles this year, including four games of 16 or more rebounds. He's also expanded his range. There are some players that show that extra fire and will to win, and Sully is one of them. Some think he's already one of the best offensive rebounders in the NBA. He may even be more valuable to Boston than Rondo is right now. He only leaves the C's as the centerpiece in a blockbuster deal.
Grade: A



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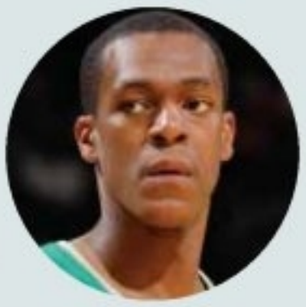

Rajon Rondo

The Celtics are 2-8 in games Rondo has played in. He's shown flashes of his old self, which is important, but for the most part he looks like a guy coming off ACL surgery. Rondo has already had two games with three or more 3-pointers this season, which are career bests. If he really has improved his outside shooting it'll be hard to argue that he isn't a top point guard.
Grade: C

Chris Johnson

The best story on the C's this season is Johnson. He was signed to a 10-day contract from the D-League when the Celts were in desperate need of a body at shooting guard. He played so well that he earned a second 10-day deal and is now under contract (non-guaranteed) for the next three seasons at a very low price. If his play continues to improve, it'll be quite the bargain for the C's.
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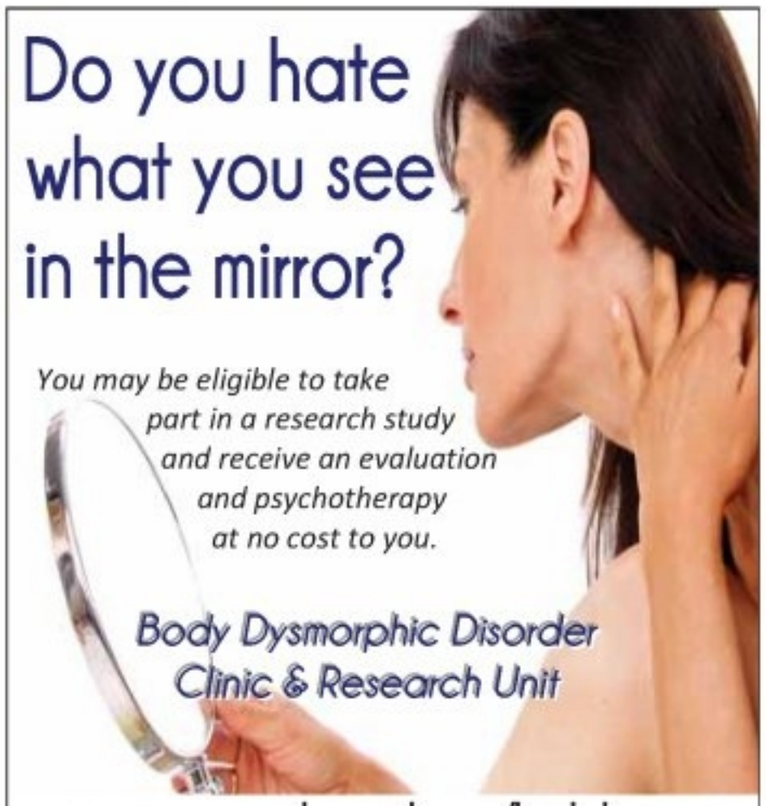
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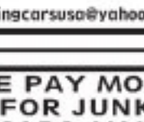

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